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Miss Hospitality Contest To Be Sponsored By Lions

Bay St. Louis Lions Club will sponsor a "Miss Hospitality" contest for the county area. Clubs operating in the county are being asked to select a girl candidate. Entries should be sent to the contest manager, the Bay St. Louis Lions Club, c/o the American Legion, the Hancock County Courthouse, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

Blood Donors To Win Valuable Awards

Thousands of dollars in prizes will be given blood donors under a program inaugurated in the New Orleans area. Everyone donating a pint of blood in the area, which includes Hancock County, will have an equal chance for the prizes. The event, which began April 1, will continue through June 30, with a drawing being held July 1.

Prizes being donated through the cooperation of the used car dealers of New Orleans and Station WJMR-TV, will include:

- First prize, a \$2,000 automobile
- Second prize, a set of Firestone Summer tires, valued at \$250.
- Third prize, a set of plastic seat covers.
- Fourth prize, 100 gallons of gasoline.
- Fifth prize, a \$25 US Bond.

A chance will be allowed each donor of a pint of blood to the American Red Cross Blood Bank.

Next scheduled blood bank held in Bay St. Louis will be on April 28. Mrs. Lillian Cox, General Chairman of the local bank, says she is hoping for a much larger number of donors, since the bank scheduled for last quarter was not held due to the great amount of illness in the community at that time.

"With six months interim instead of the usual three," she said, "I feel that many more people will be in a position to give a pint of blood."

"The fact that one or more of the prizes may be won by residents of our county also should be an added stimulus, if such be needed, to bring donors to the Youth Center on the date scheduled for the giving of blood so urgently needed in our county and in other areas."

Mrs. Erle Kirkpatrick is recruiting chairman of the blood bank, and donors may make appointments for donations by phoning her at 246.

C. of C. Plans Celebration Of Bridge Opening

Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, with the cooperation of the State Highway Department and other interested Gulf Coast Chambers of Commerce is planning a special celebration at the time of the opening of the new bridge across the Bay of St. Louis.

Octave Delph, Chairman of the local organization, said that John D. Smith, State Highway Commissioner, had assured the Chamber of Commerce that the Highway Department will cooperate.

All Chambers of Commerce on the Coast have been invited to join Hancock County in making this celebration a big event.

Another item presented to the Board of the Chamber of Commerce was the new Memorial Library project.

Mrs. John McDonald, Mrs. E. C. Crawford, Mrs. Lillian Crawford, Library Board members, were guests at the Chamber at their recent meeting. The Library Board presented plans for the proposed new building of the library. It was voted that the Chamber of Commerce endorse this project and request its members to give their financial and moral support.

Paul Gaudet, vice-president of the newly organized Property Owners Association of Bay St. Louis, met with the Board and discussed the proposed zoning ordinance for North Beach.

The Chamber of Commerce went on record as endorsing a comprehensive zoning ordinance for the city.

Delph said that among other activities planned was a Fourth of July Picnic. Letters have been sent by the Chamber of Commerce to various community organizations inviting their cooperation in the proposed picnic and requesting that the presence of members be a feature of the picnic to be held at the City Hall April 26.

The City Hall April 14 for further action on the picnic.

Church Guild Meets

Chapman 1 of the Ladies Guild of the Church held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. M. M. Barrett on Wednesday, April 8.

The meeting was given by Mrs. C. L. Barrett, who presented a report on the activities of the Guild for 1952 which will be held at the home of Mrs. Barrett.

The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Barrett on Wednesday, April 15.



Shown above are the "Bay Twirps" junior baseball team under the management of Bert Stieffel who played Sunday at the new ball park at Highway 90 and Dunbar. Father Hugh Taylor is General Manager. Photo by Jim Pfeiffer

LIBRARY BOARD OUTLINES PLANS FOR NEW LIBRARY BUILDING AT OPEN MEETING TUES.

Planning and progress of the Library Board in their endeavor to obtain housing facilities for the many volumes of books now owned by the library were revealed at an open meeting Tuesday night at the Youth Center.

Mrs. Rene de Montluzin Jr., president of the board, told the group that for many years the board had felt the need of more adequate library housing facilities, but it was not until the gift from Miss Ruth Knowles of her library consisting of thousands of volumes valued at around \$20,000 that the need became imperative.

For the past several months, members of the board have been working diligently in an endeavor to acquire such housing. They have applied to the state for a charter of incorporation, which will enable them to own real estate in the name of the library.

Plans and bids on erecting new structures have been carefully studied, and several pieces of property have been investigated in a search for an existing building that could be bought more cheaply than a new structure could be built.

The board, after careful consideration of all offers submitted, decided on the purchase of a former residence located on Court Street, about one-half block off Beach. Purchase price of the property is \$7,800. No repairs are needed, and the interior recently has been renovated. The floor plan offers perfect facilities, and was approved by Mrs. Eunice Eley, head of the Mississippi Library Commission.

City and County officials have been consulted by members of the board, and are in accord with the feasibility of the purchase of this property. A contract for the purchase has been entered into with the owner and a deposit to act as a binder has been paid.

Mrs. de Montluzin called on Mrs. John McDonald, to add information about the many months of planning which has been done.

Mrs. E. C. Samuel, a member of the Board, was asked to inform the meeting of the plans for the financing of the venture. Four committees have been formed, she said, to obtain funds. She added that, without solicitation, 15 per cent of the total amount needed already has been donated by interested persons.

A group of solicitors will contact small donors. This group will work on a block system. Mrs. Samuel said. Another group will contact businesses and large donors, a third will reach the women's organizations, and a fourth will contact male organizations.

Representatives of various groups present were called upon by Mrs. de Montluzin to express any opinions they might wish to offer. Among these were Mayor Warren Carver; Commissioners Glover and Ladner; City Attorney Dan M. Russell; Sisters Dorothy and Albertine from St. Joseph Academy; Mrs. Ruth Mailleur and Mrs. Hill; and Mrs. Warren Turner. All enthusiastically agreed that the library will be one of the finest happenings for the entire community, and that the location was excellent.

The Board will meet shortly to decide upon the proper time to start the fund drive.

Receive Commissions

Edith Riggins and Buddy Pitalo, two Bay St. Louis youths, former students of St. Xavier's, have been commissioned Second Lieutenants in the US Air Force.

They were granted this Commission from Tusculum University, where he was a student in ROTC. He was graduated from the University in January, 1953.

Ed Riggins was a student at the University of Mississippi.

Both left Bay St. Louis Saturday morning to report to duty at Lackland Air Force Base at San Antonio, Texas.

LWV ANNUAL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING TO BE HELD THURSDAY

The League of Women Voters of Bay St. Louis will have its annual general business meeting at 8 p. m. Thursday, April 16, at the Youth Center.

It was stressed that every member will have an opportunity to express her opinion on the decisions the board has made throughout the year, and it was hoped that every member would be present to avail herself of this privilege.

Reports from Chairmen will be made as follows:

Mrs. C. C. McDonald will discuss the study of the State Constitution.

Mrs. Leo Seal will report on the investigation made of the county jail.

Mrs. John Joyce will report on Voters Service.

Mrs. E. P. Kirkpatrick will report on the Finance Drive.

Mrs. Al Landers will report on the Unit Groups.

Mrs. Richard Shadoin will report on the Budget for 1953-54.

E. E. Breland, Superintendent of Education for Hancock County, will address the meeting. His topic will be the County Schools.

There will be election of officers and the adoption of a local project for 1953-54.

There also will be an election of delegates to attend the State convention in Jackson May 5-6, and plans for the Convention will be discussed.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY HAS REGULAR MEETING

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of the Gulf Church met in regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening, April 7, 1953.

The special business of this meeting was the appointment of a nominating committee to choose the slate of officers for the next year beginning in June.

Also it was announced that the annual election of officers would take place at the next meeting to be held in May. A committee to help with the work of the annual parish fair was appointed and will meet soon with Msgr. Gmelch to plan the affair.

Members also were reminded that Communion Sunday and that breakfast would be served as usual in the school cafeteria. Father Hugh Taylor announced that beginning with the next meeting there will be a question box at the door and during the period of his usual remarks will in the future devote some time to the answering of these questions.

Members also were reminded of the evening games sponsored by and for the benefit of the Holy Name Society in the Knights of Columbus Home Monday April 13. All members were urged to attend and bring their families and friends.

Announced Birth

Mr. and Mrs. James Logan, McConnell of New Orleans have announced the birth of a son Saturday, April 4, at Baptist Hospital, New Orleans.

Mrs. McDonald is the former Brooklyn Soule of New Orleans.

The baby has been named James Logan McConnell Jr. His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James McConnell of Waveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lee and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Arlin Lee and son visited last night Mrs. Katie Lee, Easter Sunday.

Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Nellie Farris have announced the arrival of a baby, son born Easter Sunday at the early morning at Memorial Hospital in Gulfport.

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Twirps Launch Junior Baseball In Opener Sun.

As reported in last week's paper, the Bay Junior Baseball Club is again operating this year. Last Sunday being Easter, it was an off day for the Twirps, but the smaller group, the "Twirps," under the management of Bert Stieffel, had a game which was attended by a fairly nice crowd. Next Sunday, April 12, this same group again will play and an even larger crowd is hoped for by those in charge of this program.

The Bay Jr., resplendent in new uniforms, will journey to New Orleans for a game with the Shrine Mites, a club in the NORO program. The game will be played at Delgado Center at 2:00 p.m.

Parents and other interested persons are invited to go along. Anyone wishing to go and having a car is requested to please contact Father Hugh Taylor at the rectory, phone 200, as at the moment the team is having transportation problems, which it is hoped will be ironed out before the next road trip.

Sunday April 19, it is planned and hoped that a game can be arranged here at home with a team from the Metairie program, under the direction of Harry Glover.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME ON HIGHWAY 90

A fire of undetermined origin razed to the ground the large house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kothmann in the group of cottages known as Pine Cabin. The cottages are owned by Claude Monti.

Situated on Highway 90, near the Bay St. Louis corporation line, this unit of buildings includes several small cottages, the large house and a restaurant.

The fire occurred between 2:30 and 3:00 a. m. Monday morning. The tenants of the house were in the restaurant building, and a heavy rain and thunder storm prevented a clear view of the house.

Owners of a nearby establishment spotted the fire while passing in their car and reported it to the Kothmanns, who called the Bay St. Louis Fire Department.

The flames had spread to such an extent that the house had burned to the ground before the engines arrived, but further spreading of the fire was prevented.

Kothmann said he carried no insurance on his household furnishings or clothing, and suffered a total loss. It was reported that the building was insured.

Garden Club Members To Judge Pass Show

Mrs. Tom Schaefer and Mrs. Charles Hill, Bay St. Louis, and Mrs. Pringle from Biloxi have been asked to judge the flower show Thursday at Pass Christian.

Mrs. Hill is an honorary member of the Bay Waveland Garden Club during her temporary residence in Bay St. Louis. She is a member of one of the Garden Clubs in Jackson, her home, and has done extensive club work throughout the state.

Mrs. Schaefer has been one of the most active members of recent years in the Bay Waveland Club, and holds judging credits from three years of training courses necessary to become a qualified judge.

WCS To Hold Study Apr 14

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church will hold the study "Toward Understanding Our Bible" on April 14-17-24-25 from 9:30 to 11:00 a. m. in the Educational Building. The study will be led by Mrs. C. C. McDonald.

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Winners Awarded Prizes For Essays On Conservation

Three Bay High School students and one Valena C. Jones High School student were awarded top honors in Hancock County's recent Soil Conservation Essay Contest.

The essay "What Soil Conservation Means to Our County" was selected by the county's Soil Conservation Commissioners to fit into the observance of Land Use Emphasis Week proclaimed by Governor Hugh White for the week of April 6 through April 11.

Anna Frances Rose, a 15-year-old 9th grade student at Bay High, won first place and an award of a \$25 savings bond.

Hilda Russell, Waveland, a 16-year-old 10th grade Bay High student, was awarded second prize, which carried an award of a \$15 cash prize.

Temple Perkins, 17-year-old 12th grade Bay High student, was awarded 3rd place among the contest winners. She was presented a cash prize of \$12.

Imelda Cleggett, a 17-year-old senior student of Valena C. Jones Colored School won 4th prize and an award of \$9.00.

Prize money was contributed by the Soil Conservation Commissioners of Hancock County, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Bay St. Louis.

Awards to the Bay High School winners was made during student assembly period at the high school this morning. The award to the Valena C. Jones High School winner will be made at assembly period at 8:30 a. m. tomorrow.

Attendance At Churches Hits Record High

Bay St. Louis followed the trend throughout the nation Easter Sunday when church attendances soared to an all-time high.

Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, at the various Masses served, had a total attendance of between four and five thousand.

Main Street Methodist Church, at four services held Easter Sunday, had an attendance of 640.

Christ Episcopal Church reported more than 450 at three services, while over 600 attended the several services held during the day at the First Baptist Church.

All of these figures represent a distinct increase in congregation attendance over preceding years, it was claimed.

FIRST NOVEL IS STORY OF PEARL RIVER DWELLERS

Pat Smith, 25-year-old author from Mendenhall, Miss., sidestepped the tradition of most writers of leaving the backwoods Mississippi folk to the old master, Faulkner, who is so adept at this art. Smith, in a first novel, has cut a clean cross section through an average year in the life of a bayou fisherman's family.

The family depicted in the novel, "The River Is Home," fished and trapped on the banks of Pearl River when steamboats were still active. Neither the river nor the fishermen have changed much since that time.

It is said that Smith does not spare much of his talent on plot, but that when it comes to breathing life into the muddy Pearl, with the swamp on one side and the wilderness on the other, he does a fine job.

Although reared some 20 miles from the banks of the Pearl River, he shows such knowledge and love for his subject that he can rightly call the river home.

This young Mississippi author is receiving much acclaim for his first contribution to American folk lore in novel form.

MAN INJURED IN ACCIDENT ON NEW BRIDGE

Jim George, Vicksburg, on the National Bridge Company, was working in the yard on the construction of the new Bay St. Louis Bridge when he was injured by a falling beam.

He was taken to the Gulfport Hospital for treatment. The nature of his injuries were undetermined at the time of this report.

Gov. Hugh White said yesterday he will prevent Arnold O. Lopez, Biloxi attorney who has been declared winner of last week's coast district attorney race, from taking office because of a possible contest of the election.

White was notified Wednesday that representatives of Bay St. Louis Wiggins attorney who trailed Lopez by 142 votes, have asked to examine the contents of 11 election boxes at the Harrison County Courthouse Friday.

A. C. Mitchell, Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County today told a Hancock County Eagle reporter that Holleman and a representative of Lopez received the Hancock County boxes last Thursday, and that he had received no notification of a recount in Hancock County.

At Gulfport, Circuit Clerk E. G. Lindsey of Harrison County said that the boxes will be opened at 10 a. m. Friday in the presence of Lopez, Holleman and their representatives.

Lindsey said that Holleman's group has asked that eight boxes from Biloxi, one from D'Herveyville and two from Pass Christian will be opened.

The procedure is normally the first step taken in the filing of a contest of an election.

The Governor, meanwhile, said Wednesday that he would not sign a commission for Lopez to take office "until this is cleared."

Lopez had visited the capital Wednesday to ask the governor to sign his commission, but White was not in his office.

Lopez said that he had talked with the governor on the phone several days ago and learned that he was hesitant about signing the commission.

Without the commission from the governor, Lopez would be unable to take his seat.

Holleman had been serving as district attorney for the past two months under an interim appointment from Gov. White following the resignation of Luther Maples from the post. A special election was held March 31 to fill the job until January, 1955.

SPRING FESTIVAL DATE SET BY EPISCOPAL PTA IS APRIL 25

A major event of the Spring Season will be the annual festival given by the PTA of Christ Church Episcopal School at 912 S. Beach Saturday, April 25 at 5:00 p. m.

On the beautiful grounds of the School will be booths for everyone's entertainment. Each class will participate in the colorful program and, in addition, the children can enjoy the movies, fish pond, pony rides and a supper of hot dogs and soft drinks.

There also will be a full supper plate, including fried chicken for the price of \$1.00. Pie, cake and coffee booths will be open, as well as flowers, pot plants, novelties and white elephants.

Even comic books for 1c each.

Donations for admittance is 50c for adults and 25c for children. As there is a war bond for an entrance prize, all names should be written on the reverse side of the ticket. Tickets may be secured from Mrs. W. W. Rauch, telephone 559-J, or any PTA mother.

Presbyterian Services To Be Held April 12

Presbyterian Worship Services will be held Sunday, April 12, in the Church Building, 138 DeMontluzin St. at 11:00 A. M. Miss Barbara A. Sick, Secretary.

Guild Plans Silver Tea

The annual Silver Tea sponsored by Auxiliary Guild 1 of Christ Church will be held Tuesday, April 16, from 3 to 5 p. m. at the home of Mrs. E. N. Carter, 114 Beach Blvd., Waveland.

All women of the community are invited and asked to bring friends.

YC Auxiliary Meets

Wednesday morning, April 1, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Bay Waveland Yacht Club held their regular monthly meeting at the Club house at 10 a. m.

Easter Egg Hunt

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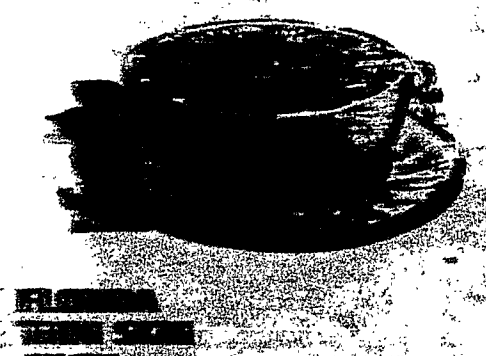
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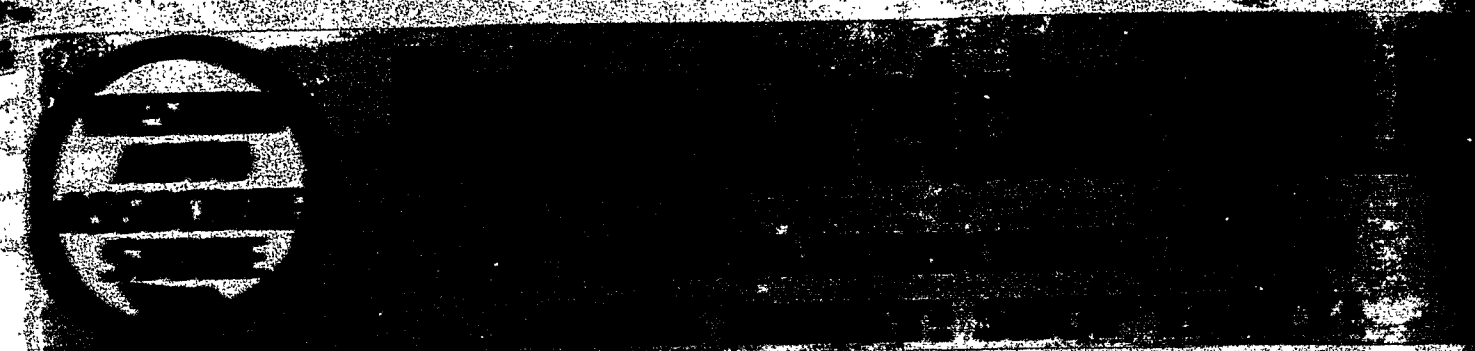
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In the spring of 1949 he built his first stock pond. He built 2 more in the fall of 1951. In the meantime, he used a selective cutting process and cut 80 units of hardwood, as well as 200 poles and 2000 fence posts from his original 150 acres of timber land he acquired just after returning from Military service. In the spring of 1952 he made another cutting by the selective process and removed 120 units of paper wood and 22,500 board feet of lumber which he is using to build his new modern 6 room home.

Karl said that as his development program progressed, he realized that he needed some financing if he was to attain some of the goals which seemed essential for complete and full operation of his farm. In 1950 he got this needed financing from the Farmers Home Administration. As a result of that assistance, he got 12 hofsteins, as additions to his dairy, acquired a tractor, got the last 30 acres of land from his brother and completely mechanized his farm. At this time, with further financial assistance, he is building a modern ranch style 6 room home.

"Soil Conservation has materially improved my farm," asserted this 30-year-old farmer as he looked out across one of his fields of white dutch clover being grazed by some of his top milk producers. "Through improved pastures such as these, my milk production has increased."

He has fenced and cross-fenced the entire farm, and has it divided into 12 pastures. Of the 45 dairy animals on

the farm, 18 are producing milk at this time. The milk is being delivered to Crosby Milk Products in Piquette.

As we watched the new home taking shape, Karl stated that he cleared up 30 acres of land in the summer of 1951, and included in that clearing was the house site.

While looking over his farm he showed us an old slough which was drained about 3 months ago. It took eight cases of dynamite to blow the 600 foot ditch needed to properly drain the slough. The slough held nearly an acre of water, and at the same time was keeping several acres around it from being of much value because it was kept too wet.

When asked what he attributed his success to most of all, he replied "The service and help offered me by the various agricultural agencies of Hancock County."

Karl has ample grazing for his cattle at this time. Both White Dutch, Crimson and eye grass are giving him the return in milk that in turn adds money to his pay check so that he can do the things needed on his farm. He will soon have havi, sorica and common bermuda for summer pastures.

A new home has been one of the goals of Mr. and Mrs. Goss for several years. About 3 years ago they found a plan in the Progressive Farmer which they like, and with some minor changes that plan is now shaping into a modern ranch type home. Its completion will be another step toward the long time goal for this couple and their 2 children. The home is being built on a slope, in a grove of large oak trees. Eventually a pond will be built in the back, which will add beauty to the location.

Karl is the son of Dr. F. Z. Goss, a pioneer county doctor.

County Agents and other Agricultural Extension Service workers feel that this is a fitting climax to 50 years of farm demonstration work, an anniversary being celebrated this year. It is also the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Mississippi State College, of which Extension is a part.

Simpson pointed to the shift from a "one crop" system of farming to that of income from several enterprises, and at more regular intervals through the year.

Forestry continues to be a leading source of income in Hancock County. Even though the long leaf timber is practically gone, ground hog type saw mills cutting the second growth in timber, and the pulpwood industry continues to gross a payroll of around a million dollars a year in the county.

Dairying is second with approximately one hundred ten grade A dairies producing milk for distribution and consumption on the Gulf Coast and in New Orleans. The dairy industry has made

very rapid strides in the last four or five years and has particularly gotten on a sound financial basis with the opening of the Farmers Home Administration Office in Bay St. Louis in the last three or four years.

Mr. Burriel, the Administrator, has been able to offer these producers financing which has enabled them to get on a sound footing and put the dairying business on a paying basis. Dairying is grossing nearly a million dollars a year.

With the groundwork which the Soil Conservation Program had underway by the time the Farmers Home Administration Office was opened, the livestock people of the county were able to get themselves on a sound foundation.

Beef cattle from both range and breed up herd kept on improved pastures continue to be a major income in the county. Along with this are the sheep and hogs which, even though a minor part of the farm income, still are necessary to make a well balanced farm program. Of course improved pastures play an important part in the operation of many livestock farms.

In 1946, with the voting in of the Hancock County Soil Conservation District, farm plans were begun and for the first time the people of the county actually became conservation minded.

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to match federal funds under the Social Security Act and transferred the duties of the Commission to Public Welfare in 1938.

The first project under this new setup was for women who had been laid off from a piecework basis. The finished products being sold through the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, a project which has continued throughout the years.

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Since Mississippi Industries for the Blind is not in the position of competing with other industries, it does not seek to give the customer the best quality possible and in fact has been credited with maintaining higher standard prices for the industry as a whole.

The only materials used by the plant which can be procured in Mississippi are handiles, about half of which are purchased from state sources.

Because of the nature of its operation, Mississippi Industries for the Blind obviously draws its labor supply from the ranks of the blind and handicapped. The State Vocational Rehabilitation Services for the Blind furnishes and maintains these workers until they become self sustaining.

The training period for broom making, for instance, will require about four months, and a three to four months period of instruction will be required for workers in the mattress plant.

Although the industry in Jackson is little more than 10 years old, the idea was conceived twenty odd years ago in the old Commission for the Blind, which was abolished in 1937 and its duties and authority transferred to the Department of Public Welfare.

As assistant secretary of this old Commission, Mrs. D. W. McElyre, now director of the Division for the Blind, voluntarily sponsored federal projects which provided work for as many as 120 blind persons in rug-weaving and in transcribing Braille books. These projects were made possible through small funds available through work relief programs.

The importance of this start was the fact that it called attention to the work which blind people could do. As a result, the Legislature in 1937 appropriated state money

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